



City of Gordon

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Re: Temporary change to water treatment method

Dear Gordon Water Customer,

Starting April 14 and continuing through May 14, 2025, we will be making a temporary change to the method we use to disinfect water. During this time, you may notice a difference in how water tastes or smells. Our water will continue to be safe to drink.

What is the temporary change?

We will switch from chloramine to “free” chlorine to disinfect water. This temporary change is called chlorine conversion. Free chlorine disinfection is not new – it is how water was treated in our system until 1992.

Why are we doing this?

Public water systems like ours keep water safe by maintaining proper disinfection levels throughout the pipes. Chloramine is our usual disinfectant because it lasts a long time in the system. However, over time - especially when combined with certain factors like warm weather or still water - organic material can build up in the pipes. This buildup can make it harder to keep the water fully disinfected. Switching to “free” chlorine, along with flushing our lines, helps clear out this material and improves the overall quality of your drinking water.

This decision is based on a recommendation from an independent review of our water system by Jacob & Martin who provides engineering services to the city.

For more information:

- Visit our city website www.gordonwater.myruralwater.com
- Visit TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, our regulatory agency) www.tceq.texas.gov and search on “free chlorine conversion”
- Visit City Hall or call 254-693-5676 and talk to City Administrator Teresa Johnson
- Teresa can also help you get copies of online information if you do not have access

Please reach out to neighbors who may need support in understanding this temporary change. We appreciate that you have taken time to review this letter and for letting us know of any questions that you or your neighbors may have.

Mayor Sherrye Mills
City of Gordon